RESPONSE UNDER

EXAMINING GROUP 2617 Docket No. 47241USA\92

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFF

In re Application of:

EARL B. HOEKMAN

Serial No.: 07/716,004 -Filed: June 17, 1991 -

For: VEHICLE DETECTOR WITH

ENVIRONMENTAL ADAPTATION)

E. Lefkowitz Examiner:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 31, 1993, please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims

Amend claims 1 and 9 as follows:

(Twice Amended) In a vehicle detector in which vehicles are detected by an inductive sensor forming a part of an oscillator, and a change in the period of an oscillator signal is indicative of the presence of a vehicle in a detection area, a method comprising:

> monitoring said oscillator signal period to produce a corresponding measurement value; detecting entry of a vehicle into a detection area and exit of a said vehicle from [a] said detection area associated with the inductive sensor, based upon changes in the measurement value with respect to a reference value;

calculating a time after a said vehicle will have